



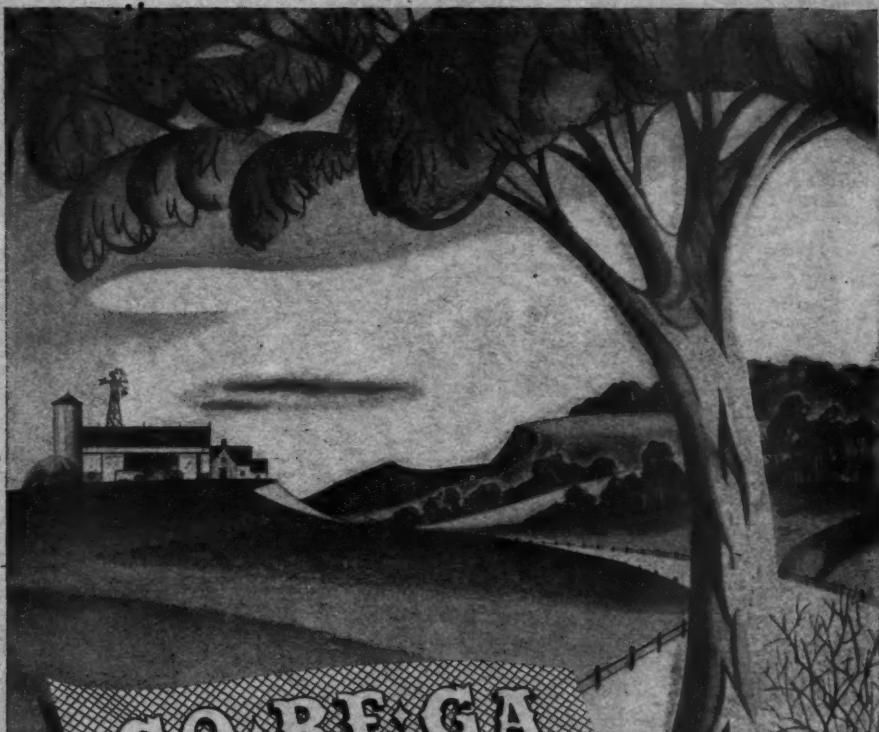
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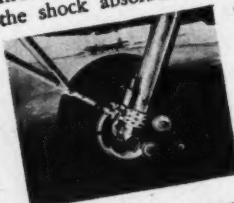
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THE CALENDAR

January 16

Chicago Dental Society

Comdr. G. C. Paffenbarger will discuss
"A Rational Technic for Silicate Cement"

Grand Ballroom
Palmer House

January 8th:

North Suburban Branch: Regular monthly meeting at the Orrington Hotel. Dinner at 6:30, meeting at 8:00 o'clock. A progressive clinic on fixed bridgework will be given by Drs. Lasater, Smothers, Weis and Young.

January 9th:

Kenwood-Hyde Park Branch: Regular monthly meeting to be held at the Del Prado Hotel. Dr. G. R. Lundquist of Northwestern University will present an essay on "Periodontal Involvements and Their Management."

January 9th:

West Suburban Branch: Regular monthly meeting to be held at the Oak Park Club. Dr. Harold Hillenbrand will discuss "Dentistry in the Postwar Period."

January 9th:

Englewood Branch: Regular monthly meeting to be held at the Hayes Hotel. Dr. Earle H. Thomas will discuss "Acute and Chronic Infections."

January 9th:

West Side Branch: Regular monthly meeting to be held at the Midwest Athletic Club. Dinner at 7, business meeting at 8 p.m.

January 12th:

Northwest Side Branch: Regular monthly meeting to be held at the Northwest Lions Club. Dr. Roy Eberle is scheduled to speak on "Full Dentures."

January 13th:

North Side Branch: Ladies' Night will be held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel. Members of other branches are invited to attend. Call Dr. Dittmer, Randolph 3239, for reservations.

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No Dearth of Talent for 1945 Midwinter Meeting

Select Group of Essayists and Clinicians Invited

Advance hotel reservations indicate that dentists from here, there and everywhere are already eyeing the 81st Annual Midwinter Meeting of the Chicago Dental Society with extreme interest. Practically all of the rooms which have been made available for Midwinter Meeting visitors at the Stevens and other nearby hotels have been spoken for, and the month of February is, at best, no time to be taking up one's abode in Grant Park. That is the fate that awaits the procrastinators who fail to get their reservations in early. The dates are February 12 to 15 inclusive and a list of auxiliary hotels appears elsewhere in this issue. The high ranking officers of the Army and Navy Dental Corps will be on hand and again dentistry's biggest show will depend upon members of the armed forces for many of its clinics.

BOUQUETS

Hats off to the hard working group of local Society members who are responsible for the pretentious program of the 1945 meeting. Dr. George W. Hax is the General Chairman, whose duty it is to correlate the work of the various committees. Dr. Warren Willman is Chairman and Dr. Arne Romnes, Vice-Chairman, of the Program Committee. Dr. Allan G. Brodie heads the Essay Division assisted by Dr. John R. Thompson, Vice-Chairman. The General Clinic Division is under the guidance of Dr. Harry W. Chronquist, Chairman, and Dr. James D.

Mershimer, Vice-Chairman. Dr. Willard R. Johnson, Vice-Chairman last year, directs the Limited Attendance Clinics Division with Dr. Daniel Beshoar as his Vice-Chairman. These, then, are the men who literally have been burning the midnight oil since the middle of September in order to put together a program that will be both stimulating and educational. The impressive list of essayists and clinicians which follows bears this out.

ORAL SURGERY—FULL DENTURES

Practically every phase of dentistry will come in for discussion when the program of the 1945 Meeting gets under way. As usual, Oral Surgery and Full Dentures will play dominating roles. Dr. Leslie M. FitzGerald of Dubuque, past-president of the American Society of Oral Surgeons, will desert his first love, "Local Anesthesia," and present a limited attendance clinic on "Practical Oral Surgery for the Routine Dental Practice." This clinic is designed especially for the dentist in general practice and anyone expecting to attend should get his reservation in early. Dr. Harry Sicher, a native son and a favorite with Chicago Dental Society audiences, will read a paper, illustrated with slides, entitled "Anatomic Considerations in Local Anesthesia." To anyone who occasionally has trouble with his injection technic this lecture is recommended. From Washington, D.C., will come Dr. Henry

Goldman, to discuss "Unusual Pathologic Lesions Encountered by the Army." In the Full Denture Section will be found speakers with somewhat divergent views. Dr. Ralph L. Christy will make his contribution with an essay and a limited attendance clinic. His subject will be "Compound and Wax Impressions." Another Denverite, Dr. L. U. Swaggett, will cover the "Meyer Technic of Full Denture Construction" and Drs. Jesse R. Carlton and Ralph E. Libberton will collaborate in a limited attendance clinic in which they will present a "Full Denture Technic Eliminating Post Delivery Adjustment." Dr. Robert R. Gillis, of nearby Hammond is scheduled for both an essay and limited attendance clinic. His topic will be "Some Thoughts on the Vertical Dimension of the Face." Another Chicagoan, Dr. Wm. R. Eberle, has developed a "Direct Method of Obtaining a Reasonably Accurate Articulation with Anatomical Tooth Forms, Requiring No Special Apparatus," which he will present.

RANDOM TOPICS

Dr. E. R. Swank, a perennial favorite, will return to give a limited attendance clinic on "Practice Management." Here is another clinic that will put the S.R.O. sign out early. Dr. Swank will tell his audience how to "Harmonize the Professional Services and Business Management of a Dental Office." Pedodontia will have an exponent in Dr. Claude W. Bierman of Minneapolis. He will speak on the subject "The Practice of Children's Dentistry." Dr. Bernhard Gottlieb of Dallas, a research worker of note, will discuss "The Caries Problem" and Dr. Isaac Schour, also famed for his investigations in the fields of science, will deliver an essay entitled "Diagnosis of Developmental Dental Aberrations." Orthodontic problems will be considered by a member of the medical fraternity. Dr. Alvin Oppenheim of Hollywood will give an essay and limited attendance clinic on his "Recent Investigations on the Effect of Orthodontic Treatment on Dental Tissues."

ROOT CANAL

"Root Canal Therapy" is the title of a paper to be given by Dr. L. I. Grossman of Philadelphia and Chicago's own Dr. John H. Hospers will give a limited attendance clinic on this same subject. Dr. J. Bernard Hutcherson of Louisville, will give a limited attendance clinic in which he will demonstrate the "Relative Merits of Acrylic Resins and Porcelain." Boston will be represented by Dr. H. A. Zander, who is scheduled to discuss the "Penetration of Silver Nitrate into Dentin." Dr. Lester R. Cohn, well known New Yorker, will give an illustrated lecture on "Pathologic Processes of the Oral Mucous Membrane." "The Management of Vincent's Infection" will be authoritatively dealt with by Dr. Harold Hartman of Cleveland.

ENTERTAINMENT

The Frolics will be back on Tuesday evening of the meeting. The show again will be under the personal supervision of the ace showman, Dave O'Malley. Acts will be secured from many of the famous night spots in and around Chicago and vaudeville once more will reign. Dr. Basil Cupis and his entertainment Committee will sponsor the show which will be staged in the Grand Ballroom. The Annual Banquet will be held on Wednesday evening. There will be entertainment but no dancing. Tables will seat 8 people and reservations can be made through the Chairman of the Social Committee, Dr. Walter C. Mayland at the Society offices, 30 North Michigan Ave. The extremely popular breakfast for state and component society officials, at which time organization problems will be discussed, will be held on Tuesday morning. President-elect Zielinski will preside at this meeting.

This resumé is just a foretaste of what is in store for the dentists who attend the 1945 Midwinter Meeting. In addition to all this there will be General Clinics and Manufacturers' Demonstrations. There will be Scientific Exhibits and Motion Pictures. In fact there will be four days that no dentist can afford to miss!—James H. Keith.

David Nichol Paints Grim Picture

War's Devastation Real and Tragic

A surprisingly large audience for the time of year was in attendance and heard David Nichol, famed war correspondent of the *Chicago Daily News*, tell his experiences at the December Monthly Meeting of the Chicago Dental Society. His story of the authentic German atrocities to soldiers and civilians alike made one's blood run cold. Previous to Mr. Nichol's appearance, a short business session was held, at which time President Oppice presented certificates of honorary membership to two outstanding members of the Army and Navy Dental Corps: Colonel Arnett P. Matthews, 6th Service Command and Captain Joseph Tartre, Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Captain Tartre recently was transferred to the Puget Sound Navy Yard and was unable to be present. President Oppice announced that there were now nine honorary members of the Chicago Dental Society and that election to this group was a rare distinction. Colonel Matthews responded in his usual gracious manner and Commander Grunewald of Great Lakes acted as proxy for Captain Tartre. The proposal to merge the Dental Hygiene Institute with the Chicago Dental Society met with unanimous approval, but the proposal sponsored by the Board of Directors to authorize the Central Office to suggest names of dentists upon request was tabled for a month. Details of this proposal will be found elsewhere in this issue.

RUSSIAN SAGA

Mr. Nichol was introduced by Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, Chairman of the Monthly Meeting Program Committee. He has just recently returned from Russia and has an intimate knowledge of the Russian situation. Beginning with the outbreak of war with Germany, he followed the ebb and flow of battle right up to the gates of Budapest. As usual

there was no declaration of war; the Germans just started marching across the border one bright day back in 1941. The border was what Mr. Nichol described as the "unfriendliest friendly border" ever known. Germany's side was fortified in the cute Nazi fashion with mine fields, booby traps, pill boxes and barbed wire. The Russian side was "no man's land" for some 5 or 6 miles and then fortified at that point much as was Germany's, minus the booby traps. The German Command threw their whole might into this offensive and in no time at all were within sight of the tall spires of the Kremlin. Then the Russian miracle happened and the invading hordes were stopped in their tracks. With the menace to Moscow removed, the Russians dug in for the siege of Stalingrad. Here, too, the Russians "pulled a miracle." Mr. Nichol was in London when all this started and it took him ten weeks to get to Moscow, a journey that under ordinary circumstances takes just a few days. Two days after the Germans had been knocked out at Stalingrad, Mr. Nichol flew down there to look it over. He saw a rubble heap where had once been a city of 400,000. He can't yet conceive how the Russians won that battle. At one time, September 28, 1942, they were encircled, except for a long, low ridge, with the Germans in front of them and their dear old Volga at their backs. The Germans attacked with 7 armored infantry divisions and were driven back and finally, on February 2nd, the once mighty German army was completely destroyed. Mr. Nichol considers this to be one of the great turning points of the war.

HERITAGE

The victory at Stalingrad gave the Russian Army a confidence that it had never had before. It left a great mili-

tary heritage. The troops began to show a reckless courage. They realized now that a highly trained and experienced force could defeat the enemy anywhere, anytime. By 1942, many of the Russian factories which had been moved bodily from Stalingrad came into production and, of course, the aid of the Allies played an important part in this new found confidence. American armor was really proving itself. The Soviet Union became more united politically and guerrilla activities were beginning to count. There were over 70,000 persons in this underground army. The Russian "intelligence" began paying dividends. It got so that the Russians knew everything about the Germans facing them except, possibly, their first names. The intelligence began to smoke out the collaborators about this time and after a few hundred had lost their heads the Germans could find no new recruits. They had to do the "dirty work" themselves.

CAPITALISM

The Soviets are gradually returning to a form of capitalism, according to Mr. Nichol. At least superficial reports seem to indicate this. People can own their own homes and their furniture and there is a certain amount of private business. Peasants, in many cases, can sell directly from their farms and the collective farms pay in both wages and produce. The peasant markets are profitable. Mr. Nichol cited the case of a bee-keeper who buys two fighter planes each year and presents them to the government as well as paying his income tax. There is an increased emphasis on family ties. Divorce is more expensive and difficult. Schools are free and the boys and girls are segregated. Churches are in good repute. The "International," the good old communist anthem, is as dead as a dodo. Officers are wearing epaulets again and army discipline is as strict as it was in the old Prussian Guard. Instructions are issued to officers and

privates alike as to what to do and what not to do. One in particular reads, "Do not jostle in street cars," a rule impossible of fulfillment, Mr. Nichol testifies. Basically Russia is a Socialistic power and will remain such with all production and distribution controlled by the government.

ATROCITIES

Mr. Nichol vouches for the stories of mistreatment of civilians by the Germans during their occupation. One cottage which he saw had a central heating unit. It looked as if a tornado had struck it. All its occupants had been deliberately massacred with a tommy-gun, the mother, a 6 year old girl and an infant of 3, all hovering over the stove. He was shown this cottage while with his escort, but other homes which he saw while unescorted were similar shambles. The Germans had dug trenches 100 feet long and 6 feet wide in which they laid bodies crosswise 5 or 6 layers deep. Cause of death?—shooting in the back of the head. Some cities which were not remotely close to the line of battle were deliberately destroyed; blown up with dynamite. Cathedrals were blown open and rural areas burned over completely. Agriculturally, it will take the country 4 or 5 years to get back into production and this includes the beautiful wheat fields of the Ukraine. Mr. Nichol concluded his story by saying that all Russia wants now is world peace and she is perfectly willing to cooperate with other nations to that end. Her military alliance with France is merely an insurance measure against failures in the post-war world. He feels that Russia will unite with the Allies in defeating Japan once the European struggle is won. Russia cannot forget what Japan did in 1904. He is of the opinion that the difference in economic systems need not be feared. Russia will need American tractors in the postwar era as much as she needs tanks now.—James H. Keith.

Col. Arnett Matthews and Capt. Joseph Tartre Become Honorary Members of the Chicago Dental Society



Col. Arnett P. Matthews

The Chicago Dental Society welcomed two outstanding personalities into honorary membership at its meeting on December 19. These men were elected to this status at a regular meeting of the Society, September 19, 1944, and raise to nine the number of living honorary members.

The two newly elected are Col. Arnett P. Matthews, who has been chief of the Dental Corps in the Sixth Service Command for almost three years, and Capt. Joseph A. Tartre, who was in charge of the dental installation at Great Lakes at the time of Pearl Harbor and directed the vast expansion of that dental service until recently when he was transferred to Seattle, Washington.

In presenting the certificates of membership, President Oppice stated that the honor was being conferred not because Col. Matthews and Capt. Tartre were service men and commanding officers but because of their individual personalities and for the cooperation they had always given the Chicago Dental Society in their respective capacities.

Col. Matthews in accepting his certificate said:

"In accepting this highly-prized membership I just can't find words to adequately express my feelings of appreciation and gratitude for the great honor you have bestowed upon me.

"I have never been privileged to associate with a finer group, both professionally and socially, than with the members of this distinguished society and to feel that you think well enough of me to let me become one of you is one of the finest things that ever happened to me.

"I have been fortunate in being your military representative in this area for the past two and one-half years. Consider we have and are doing a big and important job in getting the men dentally fit for combat duty and rehabilitating those returning from overseas. The credit for our success belongs to you, due to the sound groundwork you have laid. Your fine cooperation, advice and counsel, and your large honor roll speak for themselves.

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Capt. Joseph A. Tartre

Plan Suggested for Referring Patients to Dental Society Members

Public and Professional Relations Committee
Discusses Important Issues at December Meeting

A constructive and spirited meeting of the Public and Professional Relations Committee which did not adjourn until midnight was held December 14. Those present were:

Drs. Fred W. Ahlers, H. C. Butterly, G. E. Cartwright, Elmer Ebert, H. A. Hartley, L. W. Morrey, H. W. Oppice, J. F. Porto, E. J. Ryan, W. R. Scanlan, R. S. Williams, Mr. Hegland and Miss Josephine Bessems.

One of the problems referred to the Public and Professional Relations Committee by the Board of Directors was that of outlining a plan by which patients who call the Society office for dental service could be referred to members of the Chicago Dental Society.

NEED FOR PLAN

A special committee which was appointed at the last meeting to study this matter made the following report:

It appears necessary that some workable plan acceptable to the general membership of the Society be devised—

1. Because the public expects the Dental Society to provide this service as evidenced by the many inquiries received in the central office.

2. Because of the reduction in the number of dentists in civilian practice.

3. Because of the dislocation of the public.

4. Because of the desirability of cooperating with public agencies which often refer people in need of dental care to the central office.

5. Because oftentimes dentists in other communities refer their patients who move to this area to the office for assistance.

6. Because of the advisability of cooperating with this Society's agency for dental health education in its work

with industry, which often requests such assistance for their employees.

7. Because of the desirability of helping the public obtain adequate dental care from ethical practitioners.

PLAN OUTLINED

The plan for suggesting the names of members of the Society to the public upon request that has been evolved by this committee is as follows:

"The central office shall establish a card index of all of the members of the Society. This index in the city of Chicago, except for the loop area, will be divided into groups according to the postal zone; the loop area consisting of zones 1 to 6, will be considered as one group; outside of the city limits the index will be divided into the individual suburban areas. Each card will indicate the member's name, office address and specialty, if his practice is limited. Thus, the office will be able to furnish suggestions in any community requested, as well as in any specialty. All members will be given an opportunity to notify the office of the Society if their practice is limited.

"When a request for the name of a dentist is received the office will furnish the names of three members, the date of the request will be indicated on the card and the cards of these members placed in the back of the file for that group. By thus rotating the names suggested to the public all members will share equally in all benefits of the plan.

"In case any member of the Society does not wish to have his name suggested as outlined under this plan the office will remove his name from the file upon his written request.

"This committee recommends that special consideration be given to all vet-

erans of World War II when names of dentists are suggested to the public upon inquiry. Such special consideration shall be given for a period of time and in a manner determined periodically by the Board of Directors of the Society.

"It is the recommendation of the committee that this plan, upon approval, be widely publicized among our membership. Through this publicity the members will have an opportunity to advise the office either by post card or letter if their practice is limited and to withdraw their names from the file if they so desire. The committee also recommends that this plan, if approved by the Board of Directors, be ratified by the general membership of the Society before becoming effective."

The special committee which devised this plan consisted of Fred W. Ahlers, H. C. Haberle, and A. H. Mueller, Chairman.

The Public and Professional Relations Committee voted to recommend the adoption of this report by the Board of Directors of the Chicago Dental Society.

NEW SUBCOMMITTEE FORMED

Mr. Hegland reported that the membership of the Dental Hygiene Institute, at a special meeting on November 21, voted that the Chicago Dental Society absorb the activities and assume the liabilities of the Institute. Under the plan for merging the Dental Hygiene Institute with the Chicago Dental Society, the Public and Professional Relations Committee was charged with the responsibility of supervising the future dental health educational activities of the Society. It was voted to call this committee the Committee on Dental Health Education instead of the Council on Dental Health as originally proposed. Drs. Morrey and Oppice explained that this change had been suggested because the new committee will differ in a number of ways from the pattern of Councils on Dental Health as formulated by the American Dental Association, which includes dental care and dental research

as well as dental health education.

Under the proposed reorganization the Public and Professional Relations Committee is empowered to nominate five members for appointment to the Committee on Dental Health Education by the Board of Directors of the Society. The following men were nominated and later approved by the Board as members of this committee: Drs. G. E. Cartwright, Chairman; Elmer Ebert, W. J. Gresens, L. W. Morrey and J. F. Porto.

TRIANGLE RESTAURANTS

Miss Bessems reported that an item had appeared in the press that Triangle Restaurants were providing free dental care for employees, and that she had called upon Mr. Dario Toffenetti, president, to find out details concerning the project and to offer assistance. She was informed that he plans to pay one-half of the dental bills of all employees who have been with the firm over a year, that he has no desire to employ a dentist but wants his people to go to dentists of their own choice, with no small group of men getting all the work. He asked if the Dental Society could provide him with a list of fees for different types of dental work, saying that he understood, of course, that there would be a wide range.

Miss Bessems then suggested to him that it might be better for all concerned to have dental defects corrected before they had progressed to a serious state, necessitating large bills, and told him about the industrial diagnostic service. He was very much interested and asked for complete details of the plan. Miss Bessems has sent him a mimeographed outline of the diagnostic service for his information.

After considerable discussion, the committee agreed that it would not be feasible to grant Mr. Toffenetti's request concerning the fee schedule.

PREPAYMENT PLAN

A committee was appointed to inves-

tigate the possibility of an experimental project dealing with prepayment for dental service. Mr. Hegland read a letter from Dr. Leo J. Schoeny, chairman of the Committee on Methods of Payment of the Council on Dental Health of the American Dental Association, asking the Chicago Dental Society to sponsor such a project. Dr. Oppice reported that Mr. Mannix of the Plan for Hospital Care had indicated his organization might be willing to undertake the launching of an experimental dental prepayment plan in Chicago. The following committee was appointed for the study: Drs: Fred W. Ahlers, Reuben A. Anderson, H. C. Buttery, Edward J. Ryan and Roger S. Williams.

SUPPORT DENTAL PICTORIAL

Dr. Morrey presented the new plan for distribution of Dental Pictorial, as outlined in the December 15 Mid-monthly issue of the A.D.A. Journal, and presented the following resolution:

"WHEREAS the American Dental Association through its Bureau of Public Relations proposes to publish a small magazine for lay education which will be used to stimulate better appreciation of dental health and also to acquaint the laity with organized dentistry's objectives and perspectives, and

"WHEREAS the Public and Professional Relations Committee of the Chicago Dental Society believes that the distribution of a magazine of this kind to educators and health workers would be very beneficial to both adults and children in the Chicago area; and

"WHEREAS the initial success of 'Dental Pictorial' in a large measure depends upon component society financial cooperation this Committee recommends that the Board of Directors of the Chicago Dental Society permit the Committee on Dental Health Education to purchase 1200 one-year subscriptions for the sum of \$600. Copies of 'Dental Pictorial' will be mailed in the name of the Chicago Dental Society to a selected list

of educators and health workers in our district."

This proposal was favorably passed upon by the Committee.

COURSE ON SOCIAL ECONOMICS

Dr. Morrey reported concerning a proposal made several months ago to the Board of Directors of the Chicago Dental Society by Dr. Joseph D. Lohman of the University of Chicago that the Society organize and sponsor a course on social trends and policies for the benefit of its membership. The Board felt that this suggestion was worthy of consideration and referred the matter to the Public and Professional Relations Committee. A special subcommittee composed of Drs. Morrey, Ryan, Ebert, West and Cartwright has had a number of conversations with Dr. Lohman and others on this matter, and reported concerning the most recent meeting, held on December 13. Present at this meeting were Dr. Lohman and Mr. Johnson of the University of Chicago, Drs. Rodney Marks, Herbert Phillips, Cannon Black, Glenn Cartwright, Lon Morrey, Harold Noyes and Mrs. N. S. Talbot.

Dr. Morrey stated that Dr. Lohman outlined the subject headings used in lectures which he recently gave in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Both Dr. Lohman and Mr. Johnson felt that they would like to discuss the subject matter with a small group of interested dentists in order to perfect the outline of the proposed course, as they wished to obtain the thinking of dentists themselves in preparing the course. The study course itself could not be started before March 1.

Drs. Cartwright and Morrey suggested that the members of the special subcommittee appointed to study the University's proposal be invited to participate in these planning meetings. The first of the planning meetings will be held Wednesday evening, January 3.

It was the consensus that this course, unlike the course given two years ago, should include dentists' active participa-

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*Have you reserved your hotel room yet
for the*

**1945 MIDWINTER MEETING
of the
CHICAGO DENTAL SOCIETY**

February 12-15, 1945—Stevens Hotel

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Many Chicago hotels in the loop area have reserved blocks of rooms for those who plan to attend the 1945 Midwinter Meeting of the Chicago Dental Society. However, these block reservations will not be held after January 15, so it is necessary that all those who are going to attend arrange their hotel accommodations promptly.

Only the following hotels are now accepting reservations:

	Minimum Rate	
	Single With Bath	Double With Bath
Belmont Hotel, 3172 North Sheridan Road		5.00
Continental Hotel (Medinach Club) 505 North Michigan Ave.	3.50	5.00
Croydon, 616 N. Rush St.		4.00
Knickerbocker Hotel, 163 East Walton Pl.		5.00
Maryland Hotel, 900 Rush St.	3.00	4.50
Morrison Hotel, 79 West Madison St.	2.75	4.40
Plaza, 1553 N. Clark St.		3.00
Sheridan Plaza, 4605 Sheridan Rd.	2.00	3.00
Union Park Hotel, 210 South Ashland Blvd.	2.50	2.50
Windermere Hotel, 1600 East 56th St.		6.00

When writing hotels for reservations be sure to mention that you are going to attend the Midwinter Meeting of the Chicago Dental Society; also state date and time of arrival and departure.

Navy Pier Dental Corps Commemorates Horace G. Wells

Anniversary Program Given December 11, 1944

While our members were unable to attend the Horace G. Wells Centenary celebration at Hartford, Connecticut, on December 11, they found an excellent substitute available in the program provided by Commander Widman and the Dental Corps stationed at Navy Pier. A number of civilian members attended but they were outnumbered by a large group of uniformed officers from Great Lakes, Abbott Hall, Vaughn and Gardner Hospitals, and other units.

Among the civilians who attended were Harold Oppice, Harry Hartley, Robert Wells (no relation to Horace), Walter Scanlan, Jerome Wilher, H. Epstein, L. R. Hegland, J. D. Mershimer, and Rudolph Schlosser accompanied by the senior dental students of Northwestern University.

Commander Widman, a most genial host, sponsored all to a fine dinner at a cost of twenty cents each and then provided the proper exercise by conducting a tour through the dental unit and other parts of the establishment. The program was headlined by a paper written by Edward J. Ryan entitled "Neither Shall There Be Anymore Pain." Because Dr. Ryan had to be elsewhere, President Oppice read the paper and Commander Widman said he was sure that Dr. Oppice did the author justice.

ANESTHETIC AGENTS

Dr. Wayne B. Slaughter gave a learned and informative discussion on the practical application of all forms of anesthesia with special emphasis on premedi-

cation. He stated that procaine was the most used anesthetic and that cocaine with adrenalin also was valuable in some cases.

A guest from the medical corps, Commander P. Czwalinski, told of his experience aboard ships in all parts of the world caring for casualties. When he spoke of one ship with four medical and one dental officer to care for over two thousand wounded men, the audience realized how little those at home are contributing in comparison to the super-human tasks performed by these medical officers.

BURN TREATMENT

Novocaine by infiltration, block and spinal administration was the Commander's main anesthetic agent—ether being a fire hazard aboard ship and chloroform dangerous to the lives of those having had malaria and other tropical disease. His discussion of the treatment of burns likewise was interesting. He advised against the use of dyes and tannic acid for burns as the wounds always become infected following their application. Commander Czwalinski's treatment consists of a thorough washing of the burned surface with soap and water, spraying with sulfa powder, covering with vaseline gauze, and administering plasma, fluids and analgesics as needed.

The showing of several navy pictures depicting invasion methods and other themes concluded a well spent evening.
—James D. Mershimer.

EDITORIAL

INEQUALITY CONTINUES

The approaching Midwinter Meeting of the Chicago Dental Society again focuses attention on the inability of Negro dentists in southern states to belong to the American Dental Association, and to obtain all of the professional benefits that that organization has to offer. We have discussed this problem in previous editorials^{1, 2, 3} and we continue because we believe its solution will contribute to the preservation of democracy for which over 700,000 Negro servicemen are actively fighting.

The American Dental Association, composed entirely of men who are college graduates and who have dedicated their lives to the service of humanity, should be able to find a just solution to this man-made problem. If we cannot—who can?

The Association is not a social club; its chief aim is the improvement of the public health and welfare. It should make its literature and its scientific meetings available to all who conscientiously practice dentistry. There are at present about 1700 Negro dentists in the United States and more are urgently needed. We should be concerned with the fact that in the state of Mississippi, for instance, there is estimated to be but one Negro dentist for every 38,000 Negroes in the population. Not only should more Negro dentists be trained, but those in practice should be given every opportunity to render more efficient service—dental disease draws no color line.

Membership in the A.D.A. or a recognized foreign dental society is required for admittance to the Chicago Midwinter Meeting. Each year officials of southern state societies write letters recommending that certain reputable Negro dentists have the privilege of attending our meeting. Perhaps the Chicago Dental Society should amend its by-laws to admit these dentists; but such action is not meeting the issue squarely.

One year ago the Board of Directors of the Chicago Dental Society directed a letter to the membership committee of the A.D.A. calling attention to the incongruity which exists among states regarding Negro dentists. The committee reported back to the C.D.S. that the matter was one of state rights over which it had no control; this is correct. We believe, however, that the question is a concern of the parent organization and that while it may not initiate action it can assist in the solution and not "pass the buck" or say "it cannot be done."

There are several ways of meeting the situation. The one right way would be for the southern states to grant full membership to ethical Negro dentists through the established component societies. If that is not feasible, perhaps special components could be created. Another method might be to develop an associate membership plan which would permit attendance at all scientific meetings and subscription to society publications. A fourth means might be the affiliation with the A.D.A. of the National Dental Society which at present has a membership of over 900 Negro dentists. There may be other acceptable solutions. During 1945 let organized dentistry take constructive steps in the practice of democracy!—Robert G. Kesel.

¹The *Fortnightly Review*, 5:17, 1943 (Feb. 1)

²Ibid., 6:13, 1943 (Oct. 1)

³Ibid., 7:7, 1944 (Jan. 15)

Englewood Inducts Twenty-Four Into Old Timers Group

Annual Party Well Attended and Enjoyed

One hundred and fifty attended the 19th annual Old Timers Night of the Englewood Branch Society held in the Windermere East Hotel on December 12.

Charles Coffey, president of the Old Timers Club, presided and began the meeting by calling the roll of past-presidents of that branch, starting in 1890. He introduced Harold Hayes to speak for the past-presidents, and Dr. Hayes reviewed the accomplishments of the organization beginning with the period when it was known as the Hayden Dental Society, which was chartered in 1889. Englewood is the oldest branch of the Chicago Dental Society, in fact it precedes the Chicago Dental Society by several years.

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

John Hespers conducted the commencement exercises during which twenty-four members of the Englewood Branch, who have been members of the Dental Society for twenty years, were welcomed into the Old Timers Club. He interjected a serious note by asking the graduates to consider what they were doing to provide for their old age. Statistics reveal that at sixty-five, three out of every four persons are dependent on others for support. Seventy-five per cent of those who apply to the American Dental Association for relief are over fifty years of age.

ADMONITION

He admonished them, "Your income may be high now, but that might be due to unusual conditions or perhaps you have more than average ability. But you can't stop the clock and the dentist

with the big roll of bills doesn't fool anyone but himself—as long as you spend, there will always be moochers. Get busy on your future and don't think too much of your present status."

He discussed the purpose of the Club stating "The Old Timers Club of Englewood was not conceived to designate that enrollment singled out a man to be old fashioned and obsolete in his methods, but rather to draw together those of us who by dint of hard work have been able to overcome the difficulties of a strenuous professional life."

Dr. Hespers pointed out that a report of the Economics Committee of the A.D.A. indicated the maximum annual income of the average dentist is reached at the age of forty-five—about when eligibility for the Old Timers Club arrived.

Several officers of the Chicago Dental Society were present who were introduced and called upon for short remarks.

The evening concluded with an exhibition of magic by Vincent Gottschalk, and his moving rendition of Joyce Kilmer's poem "The Peacemaker." Door prizes were won by O. T. Tobin, G. D. Bone, R. G. Kesel, Walter Miller, B. J. Rooth and A. J. Pearce.

CLASS ROLL

The members of the graduating class were Harold Asher, B. Blattberg, William M. Brown, Webster Byrne, Peter Chadovich, Thomas Fleming, Ivan Haag, Alfred Houlehan, Ervin Jindrich, Joseph Kella, Frank Kuchler, Irvin Oaf, Meyer Pustelnik, Owen Quant, S. C. Sachs, Axel Seaborg, William Shippee, Gustav Solfronk, O. T. Tobin, Anschil Ury, Michael Walsh, C. W. Wendeldorf, Edward Winiecke and John Zawadski.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

DR. KREMER HONORED

Many friends of Leo Kremer attended a dinner in his honor, November 30, 1944, in the Crystal Room of the Palmer House.

Dr. Kremer is the immediate past-president of the Chicago Dental Society and the dinner was tendered in recognition of his many contributions to the Chicago Dental Society and his successful administration during the past year.

Howard Miller, a long time friend of Dr. Kremer's, was a capable toastmaster and introduced a number of friends. Harry Hartley spoke on Dr. Kremer's administrative accomplishments and Col. A. P. Matthews on his contributions to the armed forces as director of the Procurement and Assignment Service for the Sixth Service Command. A native of Dr. Kremer's home town and a high school classmate, Dr. Faris F. Chesley, gave a toast on the viewpoint of a member of the medical profession. Dr. Kremer's brother, Mr. Edward S. Kremer, discussed the family version and told several humorous anecdotes. Tommy McMahon described some of the personal attributes, using lantern slides to portray Leo from his original ape ancestry through his World War I service days and romantic activities up to his presidency of the Chicago Dental Society. A classmate of Dr. Kremer's, Jerry Couch, presented a beautiful ship's clock to the guest of honor.

The committee in charge of the dinner included: M. J. Couch, Chairman; Elmer Ebert, Bernard D. Friedman, Harry A. Hartley, Harold H. Hayes, Howard C. Miller, William E. Rusch and Roland A. Weber.

NUTRITION FORUM TO DISCUSS FLOUR ENRICHMENT

The Chicago Nutrition Forum, a member agency of the Chicago Nutrition

Committee, extends an invitation to attend its meeting on the enrichment program to be held on Thursday, January 11, at 2:30 p.m., Auditorium, Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company, 122 South Michigan Avenue.

The consumers' responsibility in the enrichment program will be discussed by Dr. George E. Wakerlin, Head, Department of Physiology, University of Illinois College of Medicine. Dr. Wakerlin is interested in the subject as Chairman of the Health Committee, Chicago City Club.

Looking ahead to the post-war repeal of War Food Order Number 1, of enrichment of white flour and bread, it is important that the consumer be informed of the necessary steps to continue this wartime measure to improve nutrition.

DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

The entertainment chairman of the Chicago Dental Assistants Association, Lola Berg, wishes to extend to each member a very cordial invitation to attend the Twenty-second Birthday Party of the Association. This event will be held at 5643 N. Sheridan Road, Sunday, January 14, at 4:00 p.m. The entertainment committee has planned a gala program in honor of the occasion so come out and bring a guest. Tickets at \$1.50 each may be secured from Florence Sinclair, Albany 8900, or Lola Berg, Columbus 3898.—Elizabeth Drennan, Publicity Chairman.

DINNER FOR DR. LARSEN

A dinner will be given for Dr. Larry Larsen at the Swedish Club, 1258 N. La Salle Street, January 10. He is leaving soon to begin a practice in California and his friends are sponsoring this testimonial in recognition of his services to organized dentistry. Tickets are \$5.00. Reservations can be secured by calling Dr. Silberhorn, Central 1017.

Experiences of A Dentist With An Occupational Affliction

I. S. Pomerance

The following case history of a life member of the Illinois State Dental Society is important to every practicing dentist, and is presented with the hope that the reader will learn from the experience of L. M., what he had to learn the painful and costly way.

Some twelve years ago, after fifteen years of general practice, L. M. suddenly felt an excruciating pain in his right hip. The physician to whom he turned for help strapped his side, but the therapy increased rather than diminished the pain. So L. M. went to a Dr. K., who ranks high among physicians and who advised physio-therapy and massage. By that time L. M.'s condition was so bad that the masseur had to come to his home to treat him in bed.

After several weeks of rest, diathermy and massage, with no relief, L. M. was desperate enough to try chiropractic treatment. Following a half dozen visits to the chiropractor, L. M. began to be haunted by the thought that he was doomed to end his days as an invalid.

OPERATION ADVISED

But hope springs eternal, and so L. M. went to see a famous bone specialist. After allowing him to sit stripped for one and one-half hours in a chilly examining room, the great doctor finally rushed in with his assistants and after glancing at the X-rays decided that an operation was needed to remove the floating rib, which was pinching a nerve against the right hip bone.

L. M. was not convinced that an operation was indicated so when the specialist's nurse asked him what kind of a hospital room he wanted he told her he'd let her know later. L. M. went to consult Dr. R., a famous general surgeon, who diagnosed the trouble as an occupational disease and prescribed among

other things a brace made to order. He was emphatically against an operation.

When L. M. went to a surgical supply house to have the garment made, the clerk who took his measurements named a dozen Chicago dentists L. M. knew who had had similar braces made for them in recent years. There could be no doubt about it, his ailment was occupational. L. M. became more comfortable, partly because of the brace and partly because he got used to his misery; but he was never free from pain.

VACCINE USED

A physician friend of his told him of miraculous cures performed in similar cases by a Dr. M. Upon examination Dr. M. admitted the etiology was occupational but believed the condition had become rheumatic and the way to cure it was by an autogenous vaccine. The cost of the vaccine minus the professional discount was only \$150.00. For six months L. M. injected himself religiously every morning before breakfast, but no relief. Dr. M. insisted that the vaccine was the right remedy but that it should be made more potent.

L. M. lost faith in the vaccine but, like a drowning man grabbing a straw, he continued to inject himself with the stronger medicine. When, after four months, he again reported that he was far from cured, Dr. M. pointed to several of his patients who felt no better for a year but were completely cured by the thirteenth month. L. M. remained unconvinced and quit the injections. Dr. M. is not a quack doctor. Indeed, he is a highly reputable physician with a large suite of offices on Michigan Avenue.

Then followed a period of baths at Hot Springs, Arkansas; Michigan and Wisconsin, and Turkish and Russian baths in Chicago. But all they ac-

complished was to make life more durable; they brought no permanent relief.

A trip to a world famous clinic resulted in a more comfortable brace, a special device to apply heat to the part and advice against an operation.

For about six years L. M. had his good and bad days, but he carried on. His patients never suspected that he was not as healthy as he appeared unless he confided in them. The one single remedy which limbered him up every morning and made it possible for him to do his day's work was a hot tub bath.

VITAMINS PRESCRIBED

About September, 1940, after his return from a brief vacation in Michigan, L. M. had to quit work in the middle of the day because of severe pain in the region of the right hip and the calf of his right leg. All that the orthopedic surgeons could do for him was to feed him codein in large doses and give him vitamin B injections. L. M. supplemented these sedatives with frequent generous size glasses of whiskey, but he found no relief from his misery.

After spending a miserable week at home in bed he was taken to a hospital where he was put in a bed equipped with diathermy for two hours in the morning and again for two hours in the afternoon. Following a week of this treatment he was so exhausted he could hardly walk unaided.

Diagnostic X-ray films, costing \$65.00 and later pronounced worthless, were taken at the hospital. According to these X-rays, L. M.'s pelvic arch was improperly approximated. L. M. asked permission to take them to his family physician who asked Dr. C., an eminent X-ray consultant to many south side hospitals, to interpret them. Dr. C. emphatically stated that the X-ray diagnosis was wrong. L. M. could not possibly have what the attending hospital physician thought unless he had been hit by a tree or crushed by a truck. Any attempt to correct that would cripple L. M. for

life. On receiving this report, L. M. called his wife to come and take him from the hospital. The hospital was a prominent institution and the physician who made the diagnosis is an instructor in physio-therapy in one of our foremost medical schools.

BONE GRAFT SUGGESTED

L. M. decided to seek a cure at a famous clinic outside the state. The only way he can describe the journey is by saying he felt as if somebody held an ice pick and stabbed him every time he made a move. The final judgment of the clinic's orthopedic department was an operation which would include grafting bone on two vertebrae which pinched the sciatic nerve. When L. M. heard that he would have to lie immobilized for two months, would be unable to work for six more months after which no assurance could be given that the desired results would be obtained he almost despaired, being neither psychologically nor economically prepared to become an invalid for at least eight months.

He received a telegram from a friend in Chicago not to submit to an operation but to come home. This L. M. did. He consulted two more orthopedic surgeons in Chicago. One advised stretching the body by pulleys and weights. The other, whose method appealed to L. M. more, padded one shoe, corrected the brace and prescribed vitamins.

L. M. returned to his office November 11, 1940, and since has never lost a day due to pain. *He credits his freedom from pain to the dental stool he has adopted and is using at least twenty percent of his working time. He is convinced that the stool possesses both therapeutic and preventive value.*

If L. M. had a voice in the matter, he would train dental students to prepare mandibular cavities and fill them, do prophylaxes, mix amalgam and wait for synthetic porcelain and cement to set while sitting on a stool. L. M. believes, on the basis of his own experience and that of some of his friends who do even more operations sitting down, that the

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Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Chicago Dental Society

December 19, 1944

Red Lacquer Room—Palmer House

The fourth regular monthly meeting of the Chicago Dental Society was called to order by President Oppice at 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 19.

A motion was regularly made and severally seconded that the reading of the minutes of the meeting of November 15 be dispensed with because they have already been published in *THE FORTNIGHTLY REVIEW*. Motion carried.

Motion was then regularly made and severally seconded that the minutes of the meeting of November 15 be approved as prepared by the Secretary and published in the December 15 issue of *THE FORTNIGHTLY REVIEW*. Motion carried.

Reports of Boards and Standing Committees—none.

Reports of Special Committees—none.

Unfinished Business—

President Oppice announced that the plan read at the meeting of November 15 for the merger of the Dental Hygiene Institute with the Chicago Dental Society was to be presented to the general membership at this meeting for approval. The Secretary reread the plan (the entire plan of the administration and organization was published in the December 1 issue of *THE FORTNIGHTLY REVIEW*). It was regularly moved and severally seconded that this plan be approved by the membership of the Society. Immediately following this motion the Secretary moved on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Dental Society that the name of the subcommittee of the Public and Professional Relations Committee as mentioned in paragraph one of the proposed plan be amended to read: "Committee on Dental Health Education." This motion was severally seconded and carried.

President Oppice then advised the membership that the Board of Directors and membership of the Dental Hygiene

Institute at a meeting on November 21 had voted to accept the proposal of the Chicago Dental Society. The plan, therefore, was being presented to the membership with the full approval of the membership and directors of the Institute and the directors of the Society. The President called for discussion on the main motion. Dr. Leo W. Kremer, immediate past president of the Society, obtained the floor. He commended the administration of the Dental Hygiene Institute upon its past accomplishments and pointed out to the membership that the proposed transition should in no way be interpreted as critical of its progress. Dr. Glenn E. Cartwright then obtained the floor to state that the merger was proposed to expedite the work and activities of the Institute. He stated that he was positive that the program of dental health education would be greatly facilitated as a result of this merger.

The question was then presented to the body for a vote on the motion as amended. The motion was carried without a dissenting vote.

New Business—

President Oppice announced that there were two items of new business for the consideration of the membership. First, that a plan whereby the central office of the Society might suggest the names of several ethical dentists to the public upon inquiry was to be presented for approval. He outlined a few of the reasons for the need of such a plan and asked the Secretary to read the proposal. (It is published in full in this issue of *THE FORTNIGHTLY REVIEW* under the report of the Public and Professional Relations Committee.)

A motion was regularly made and severally seconded that this plan be ap-

proved as read. One of the members of the Society expressed the belief that the membership should be given more opportunity to consider this proposal. It was then moved and seconded that the motion be tabled until the January meeting. The motion to table this proposal was carried by a vote of 86 to 84.

The Chairman stated that it was his pleasure as president to present two certificates of honorary membership to members of the armed forces—not because they were members of the service and not because they were commanding officers of the Army and Navy Dental Corps, but because of their individual personalities and because of the manner in which they had always cooperated with the Chicago Dental Society in their respective positions. The body had approved the recommendation of the Board of Directors at a regular meeting on September 19, 1944, that Col. Arnett P. Matthews, Chief Dental Officer of the 6th Service Command, and Capt. Joseph A. Tartre, former Chief Dental Officer at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, be awarded honorary membership in recognition of their valuable contributions and outstanding service to the profession. He was very happy on this occasion to present to Col. Matthews personally and to Capt. Tartre in absentia a certificate of honorary membership. Col. Matthews in his response told the membership that he was highly appreciative of this great honor which had been bestowed upon him and to feel that we think enough of him to make him one of us is the highest compliment that could be paid. He said further

that much credit for the success of the Dental Corps belongs to the Society and that its sound judgment and sound advice had been of great help. He expressed the hope that his tour of duty in this area would be a long one and that the ties of friendship would never be broken.

Commander Grunewald accepted the certificate of honorary membership on behalf of Capt. Tartre. He expressed the belief that Capt. Tartre would be deeply appreciative of this very high honor.

President Oppice presented Lt. Col. S. A. Hutt and Commander Widman, who were guests of the Society on this occasion.

The President then introduced Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, Chairman of the Monthly Program Committee, who in turn presented the speaker of the evening, Mr. David Nichol, foreign correspondent of the Chicago Daily News. Mr. Nichol spoke on "Russia as I See It." At the conclusion of Mr. Nichol's address several questions concerning Russia were asked by the audience. Dr. Hillenbrand then expressed the gratitude of the Society to Mr. Nichol for his dispassionate and graphic account of Russia.

Dr. Oppice, after wishing the membership a very Merry Christmas and expressing the hope for peace in 1945, adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

There were approximately 350 members and guests present.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. Hartley, Secretary.

DENTIST WITH OCCUPATIONAL AFFLCTION

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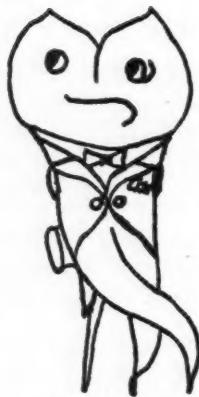
stool properly used can banish many occupational disturbances from dental practice, and make practice more pleasant. The stool must have a solid base, be flexible, rotating, and otherwise

adaptable. Laboratory and kitchen stools will not prove satisfactory.

While the use of a stool may seem difficult or even objectionable, dentists can become accustomed to its use and thereby avoid such vague afflictions as L. M. experienced.

What Now?

By Frederick T. Barich



"Say Boss, are you going to make any New Year's resolutions?"

"Haven't really thought about it; but now that you mention it, I suppose it is the thing to do."

"Yeah, everybody does it. Like everything else that everybody does, everybody feels that he too must do it in order to stay in step with everybody else."

"Is there any good reason why a guy must follow the crowd, so to speak?"

"Apparently, you're a wrong number if you don't."

"Yeah, that's just it—do it because the mob does it."

"Doesn't anyone ever do any independent thinking?"

"Occasionally some fool tries it and ends up on an island somewhere with his thoughts to plague him for the rest of his days."

"Would you like that?"

"I dunno, I've never tried it."

"Here's your chance; so why not give it a whirl?"

"Maybe I will; the way I feel right now a desert island with a barbed wire fence around it would be indeed welcome."

After giving this yearly anathema due consideration, I resolve :

1. Not to quit smoking. It would make me miserable if I did. Everyone about me smokes so why shouldn't I? I like to smoke my own cigarettes and nothing irks me more than a second-hand smoke. If smoking were really detrimental go per cent of the world's peoples would be dead or something. My observations have proved that the truly alive ones do practically all the smoking. So why in hell should I quit smoking?

2. Not to quit drinking. This country was in a sad state during the prohibition era. People—law abiding and God-fearing people—went about brewing concoctions that would rot the stomach of Phil Sheridan's likeness in Lincoln Park. Ulcers were born by the millions and the majority of folks were half dead anyway. I enjoy a drink of good stuff and like to have a good time. Were you ever at a party where for any reason you had to stay sober? You didn't have fun; no sir, you were bored stiff. But you like to have fun and so do I. Give me one good reason why I should quit drinking.

3. Not to quit staying out late. From 6 p.m. till 12 p.m. mankind, in general, is dormant. The good folks go to bed at nine o'clock. Who can have fun while asleep? (I almost slipped.) Did you ever stop to figure that a guy who lives to be 60 years old is actually only 30 because in part he sleeps one third of the time? Infancy and early childhood knock off another 6 years. Up and through the 6th year a guy is non-compos anyway. Illness over a 60 year span will take off another 4 years. This leaves a bare 30 years in which to live. Life begins at 2 a.m.; so who wants to be a chump with only 30 years to do it in?

4. Not to quit gambling. I like to gamble. The thrill which comes when twenty shakers or so are in the pot and you are sitting there with 5 ladies to back you up

and the suckers bid you up and up—the showdown comes and the sucker on your left spreads four aces—and then slaps the fifth on the table so hard that it bounces up in your face. Well—it's fun, ain't it? You'll get even at some later date—even if the old homestead and family jools have to be hocked in the process. This type of propulsion keeps up the old blood pressure—maybe you won't live the 60 chronological years but it will be a lot of fun trying. Then, when you go out to the track, do well for seven races and meet a friend who had a sure thing on "Notsofast" in the eighth, you decide to shoot the works. They're off! Your nag starts well and is in good position at the first turn. He holds until the back stretch where "Robot Bomb" makes a buzz to pass the field; but the pace is too fast. Now good old "Notsofast" makes his bid. The finish is photo. After a few minutes the announcement is made that "Notsofast" won by a muzzle. Boyoboy obooy! See, I won the dough back that was lost in the poker game and a helluva lot more. I should quit gambling! Tsk! Tsk!"

New Year's day found me in a state of complete exhaustion with at least a dozen competitive pulses blowing up my haid; a cottonish mouth was aggravated further by a terrific cigarette cough and my pockets were barren. How come? Jeepers, I must have had fun! I should make resolutions! O-o-o-o-o- oh (groan) poor me! Well, maybe—next year.

Die Modernische Lorelei*

Die shoenste jungfrau sitzet dort oben wunderbar
Ihr goldenes geschmeide blitzet; Sie kammt Ihr goldenes har.
Sie kammt es mit goldenem kamme und singt ein lied dabei,
Das hat ein wundersamme gewaltige melodei.
Die luft ist gefult mit verfluchten Allied bomberen
So Sie serammte schnell, kamme und alles, nach die nahste sheltierei.*

Doggerel Corner

Mary had some little pigs
She hid from Killer Wallous.
Johnny's pigs were caught and slain
By men who tried to stallous.
Now Mary's rich; Johnny's poor,—
A modern deal in sollous.

Famous last words: Unter der Linden and on Sukiayaki Boulevard: "The Yanks are coming!" Blackballed in "Knights of the Buccal Cusp": Lloyd George and Clemenceau for purloining Uncle Sam's Eye Teeth at Versailles . . . Our good friend Webster Byrne must be psychic . . .

Wherever you are, Joe and I wish you "A Happy New Year." (Prosperous was left out on purpose.)

Story of the Chicago Crime Commission

Syndicated Gambling

The dental profession and all good citizens should recognize that profits from syndicated gambling materially assist the racketeers in evading indictments and in breaking down law enforcement.

During 1940 and 1941 the Chicago Crime Commission continued its fight against syndicated gamblers; racketeers in labor unions and all brands of violence and corruption emanating from the activities of a group of Capone mobsters. The state's attorney had used axes and demolished "bookie" joint furniture. He had succeeded in having race result information withheld from "bookie" parlors, but despite all harrassing and inconveniences, the gamblers continued to do business on a perambulating, hide and seek basis. Following a raid, certain persons appeared in court; a half dozen lawyers spoke up; there was no search warrant; the police saw no gambling; the horses' names on the wall with betting odds was not evidence and those charged walked out smiling. Patrons of the bookie dens were rarely arrested—nor were the operators or owners.

The Chicago Crime Commission then took an active part in direct investigations. Its observers found flourishing gambling joints and obtained evidence. Lists of gambling dens were sent to the police commissioner, the sheriff and state's attorney. An elaborate gambling palace was found operating almost across the street from the sheriff's highway police station in the northern part of Cook County. The chief justice of the Municipal Court assigned a special judge to the Racket Court and the walk-in walk-out system stopped. The sheriff had to begin raiding and then stepped into a dilemma when his chief deputy was photographed having lunch with a gambling king. The state's attorney finally commenced a Grand Jury investigation. Nearly 100 Negro leaders visited the office of the Commission and

urged action against "policy" gambling on the south side. A receiver was appointed for the Bartenders Union, and the Bar Association was asked to devise a form of search warrant which would authorize police to arrest gun-toters whenever or wherever found and the coroner was induced to improve inquest minutes.

The Grand Jurors indicted fourteen horse race betting operators and twenty-six "policy" gamblers and in their report severely censured some of the policemen. A labor murder was solved and the killer convicted. Abortion ring activities were brought to a sudden climax when a policeman assigned to the state's attorney's office killed the daughter of one principal defendant and confessed he was a member of the ring. He was convicted, and named two assistant state's attorneys as aids in his confession. They were discharged. The state's attorney threatened to indict all officials who permitted gambling in Cook County.

Profits from syndicated gambling flow into a "pool" amounting to huge proportions which are to a great extent used by criminals and racketeers to obtain miscarriage of justice and cement more solidly their nefarious business.

The Commission is not a part of any government, state, county, or city subdivision. It is not endowed; does not share in "tag days" or other fund drives. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions of public-spirited citizens who recognize its civic value.

Make contribution checks payable to Chicago Crime Commission and mail to any member of the Committee, Chicago Dental Society, 30 North Michigan Avenue.

Committee to Cooperate with
Chicago Crime Commission
JOSEPH B. ZIELINSKI,
ROBERT I. HUMPHREY,
ROBERT G. KESEL, *Chairman*.

NEWS OF THE BRANCHES

WEST SUBURBAN

We're off toward a New Year which we hope will bring the best of luck and a safe return home to our members now scattered in every corner of the globe. . . . Here at home we are all set to start the New Year right with a West Suburban meeting on January 9 at the Oak Park Club. The new editor of the *Journal of the American Dental Association*, Harold Hillenbrand, is to be our essayist. Dr. Hillenbrand will discuss "Dentistry in the Postwar Period." I am sure that this topic is of much interest to all of us and that a better authority on the subject could not be found anywhere. We expect a big turnout for this event and would appreciate your making dinner reservations one week in advance as usual. Walter Wicklund at Mansfield 1400 is the man to call. . . . Maj. R. T. Mulholland sends "Holiday Greetings to my old associates back home." He had a little trouble getting into the Christmas spirit with "sweat dripping from my nose and sweltering heat making sleep next to impossible." He is thinking of us back here, however, and I am happy to convey his greetings. . . . Joe Komarek sends a similar letter from the Philippine Islands. There is a message in the upper right hand corner in an unfamiliar language which I interpret freely as "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. . . . Recently promoted to captain, Frank Krivanek also wishes to convey his best wishes to the gang.—*Karl von der Heydt, Branch Correspondent.*

NORTH SIDE

GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

So far as we know everyone has had a busy year. Now we can figure out Uncle Sam's portion, and if there is not enough left to go to Florida, we can get down to hard work again. . . . The

downtown monthly meeting was a diversion from routine dental subjects. The program committee is to be commended for this respite near the holiday season, and we feel sure it had the approval of everyone. . . . Some North Siders that were away over the holidays: Ed Leubke at Clintonville, Wisconsin, Oliver Hatcher at Fayetteville, Tennessee, Clyde and Mrs. West at Watska, Illinois, and Al and Mrs. Boman in California visiting their son, a lieutenant in the Navy. . . . Ray Schuler recently had a card from North Sider Capt. E. R. Melcher. He is with the 79th Field Artillery on the Western front near the German border and in the thick of the fight. . . . Capt. Fred Sammons, formerly located at 3959 Lincoln Avenue, has been in Delhi, India, for two years. He is home on a twenty day leave. Lt. Willard McLaughlin, stationed in Key West, Florida, spent the holidays with his family. . . . Major Irving M. Stransky returned to Chicago in October and has resumed practice. He was in the Army thirty-four months and served mostly as Chief of Oral Surgery at Scott Field. . . . Edgar Walker's son, Donald, entered the Navy in December and is in training at Great Lakes. . . . Born December 9 to Edmund Kirby and wife, a son, Michael. Mrs. Kirby was formerly assistant to Hewett Williams. . . . Mike Dally has had a prolonged illness, and has given up practice. He is a poet and you doubtless have read his lines in "Line O' Type." . . . At the Bowling Club, Bill Young and M. A. Cassill have each hung up a frame above 200. Bill Corcoran has topped everything with a 248. . . . Last call for Ladies' Night, January 13. For your reservation phone Cedric Dittmer, Randolph 3239.—*Z. D. Ford, Branch Correspondent.*

NORTH SUBURBAN

Our January 8 meeting will be purely a home talent show. We should all

make an attempt to come out and see the local boys make good. The program is a progressive clinic in the field of Crown and Bridge Prosthesis. That word *progressive* may apply in two ways, that is, *favoring progress*, and *advancing in successive stages*. The former is not (we hope) new to us; the latter is. . . Eddie Baumann is telling everybody about the colored moving pictures of the Canadian Rockies he saw at the home of Charles Cameron in Park Ridge. Cameron has built his hobby up to real important proportions. His latest venture was in Guatemala, whence he has just returned by plane. He said the war was still on down there and that he was close enough to it to hear some of the shooting. . . John Heller has been visiting a brother in Lincoln, Nebraska. . . Rus Johnson of Glencoe says that the latest news with him is that he is out of the hospital (again) and hopes to stay out. . . Balint Orban was the speaker at the last Lake County meeting. Their next meeting will be on January 15 instead of the usual first Monday of the month. . . Ralph Sappe came back from a hunting trip in Michigan with a deer which he donated to the Methodist Church in Highland Park for a church dinner. Nice going, Ralph! Now all God's Chilren got venison. . . George Howell is now on terminal leave, having been recently discharged from the Army. He will move back into his home about the first of the year and resume practice at his former location. Welcome back, George! . . I see by the last FORTNIGHTLY REVIEW that the typesetter lifted three lines from Gornstein's column and put it in ours. It was definitely South Suburban's loss and our gain and I am not complaining. It made ours much more interesting and was one of the few unsolicited contributions that has been made recently. I worried about it a little until I considered that probably not very many people read this stuff anyway and it isn't really very important. In this connection I recall a story about a girl who wanted to be a Court Reporter. For practice, and

in order to develop speed she would set up her machine in the lobby of the small hotel where she lived and take down the conversation of the residents on long winter evenings. Later, upon reading over her notes, it seemed to her that during the whole winter nobody had said anything that made any difference to anybody.—Waldo O. Urban, Branch Correspondent.

NORTHWEST

Another year tucked away in the archives of time and a brand new year feeling its way about. We know that Santa left you oversupplied with ties, shrieking loud ones; fancy sox, too large or small; plus the usual assortment of other articles which sometimes are useful, and that you were tickled pink and lucky if you found a carton or two of your favorite brand under the tree. Remember when you walked up to a tobacco counter and walked away with the brand you asked for. . . For this year list among your resolutions, in fact place it up high, a firm resolve to aid your officers and committees by attending branch meetings, and start out right by coming to the next meeting on Friday, January 12. Dr. Roy Eberle will discuss "Full Denture Problems" a subject always worthy of your attention. Don't forget to call Joe Ulis, Spaulding 8851 for your dinner reservation. . . John Gates, our ethics chairman, spent part of the holidays in the hospital recuperating from a bit of fancy carving on his abdomen. Latest reports say he is about ready to resume his work at the chair. . . Lt. Bruno Stwertnia started his postwar plan by purchasing a homesite near the Glenview Naval Air Station. . . Herman Wenger was also among those present at the New York Meeting last month. Seems that Herman has been making the trip to New York City an annual preholiday event. . . Larry Peacock spent the holidays in Omaha, where he strutted his stuff amid the familiar haunts of his home town. . . Glenn Cartwright is traveling to Omaha to at-

tend a meeting of the Supreme Chapter Board of Directors of Xi Psi Phi Fraternity. That's only the start of his travels, however, for on his return Glenn and Mrs. Cartwright are heading for Mexico, where for four weeks they are going to be on the move seeing as much as can be seen in that land of mañana. Glenn claims he needs the winter vacation to revitalize and recharge his batteries so that when he gets back he will be ready to tackle anything. . . . Folmar Nymark is casting wistful glances toward the South, trying to find a means of heading toward sunnier climes. . . . See you all on the 12th.—*Thad Olechowski, Branch Correspondent.*

ENGLEWOOD

The annual Old Timers night is past history, and yet in the hearts of Englewood's old patriarchs, this gala event will not soon be forgotten. Dental dignitaries, from far and wide, paid homage to our pioneers. Charles Coffey, distinguished Englewood Old Timer committee president, did our hearts proud, our stomachs well, and our spirits high. . . . John Hospers, peripatetic dean for the class of 1924, adjudicated the qualifications of this group for membership into the Old Timers. John found in this class of twenty-four men a noble spirit, a fine comradeship, and a high professional standard which came in part from twenty years' association with our Old Timers.

A roll call of these new candidates include: H. Asher, B. Blattberg, W. M. Brown, W. Bryne, P. L. Chadovich, T. E. Fleming, I. M. Haag, E. Jindrich, A. R. Houlehan, J. Kella, F. G. Kuchler, I. G. Oaf, M. Pustelnik, O. N. Quant, S. C. Sichs, A. Seaborg, W. E. Shippee, G. W. Solfronk, O. T. Tobin, A. B. Ury, M. H. Walsh, C. W. Wendelsdorf, E. L. Winiecke, J. S. Zawadski. . . . We neophytes betwixt and between—too old for the army and yet a wee bit too fresh for the old timers—thoroughly enjoyed the event and await the day when we too will be welcomed

into the fold.

Jack Thompson, program chairman, announces that Earle Thomas will present an essay on "Oral Lesions" on Tuesday, January 9. So plan to attend. . . . G. J. Heyboer has been lecturing on "Socialized Health Service" before a number of groups. . . . Ed Werre is contributing to our friendly international relations by having his noon day meals at a Chinese Restaurant. . . . Roy Gates is quail shooting in Southern Illinois. . . . Gus Solfronk attended the mid-continent dental meeting in St. Louis. . . . Harold J. Burns took unto himself a wife. . . . Tom Starshak was missed at our big social—hope you are recovering speedily from your injury, Tom. . . . A beautiful new dental office will house Leo Finley. . . . Lt. Libman is home on leave to give a rousing reception to his new son, Robert Herman. Lt. Libman is chief of Crown and Bridge at Ft. Devens, Massachusetts. . . . W. V. Raczynski, who has been in the service since May 1943, has been promoted to captain. He is stationed at Big Springs, Texas. . . . Lt. Col. Leon M. Stern, just returned from New Guinea, is a patient at Vaughn General Hospital, Hines, Illinois. . . . Samuel Rabishaw is vacationing in California. . . . Samuel Davitz will go to Los Angeles for six months to regain his health. . . . Jerry Wilher, blessed by the Divine Fountain of mirth, was in top form on the Big Night. . . . M. Friduss was host to the 1922 class of Alpha Zeta Gamma at his home.

Englewood wishes all its members, families and friends a very Happy New Year. — *Louis B. Padden, Assistant Branch Correspondent.*

KENWOOD-HYDE PARK

Kenwood-Hyde Park will meet on January 9, 1945 at the Hotel Del Prado. Dr. G. R. Lundquist, Northwestern University Dental School, will discuss "Periodontal Involvements and Their Management," illustrated by kodachrome slides. The technic of manage-

ment in periodontal disease is of great interest so we should all be there. . . . The unusual always happens in Kenwood. A few observations made at the December meeting: Elwood McKnight was there with a full head of steam and hemmed in by an irrepressible urge to vocally explore the romantic possibilities of Bob Wells' busted arm. Neil Rogers, the benedict, and his two contemporaries, T. J. Reynolds (Englewood) and Cliff Randall, sat talking about the most inconsequential things and making them sound profoundly significant. Alchemist Grover Schubert's formal concoction which he calls "Elixir Avalanche," served exclusively to Kenwood-Hyde Park members and their friends, has been described by Harry Hartley as "a jolt that pushes its way past the posterior pillars forcing them upward and backward into the foramen ovale, kicking the face of the epiglottis well into the Adam's apple." Otto Mast puts it milder—"Jupiter's thunderbolts are as gentle as sunbeams in comparison," says he. If you don't believe this jargon, come out to the next meeting and have all doubts removed. . . . Howard Strange and Louie Christopher always catch the last train home and why not? They keep a rail-

road schedule in one hand and whatever the members put in it in the other. Gosh, one would think they lived in Flossmoor. . . . E. Byron Kelly's son, George, a lieutenant in the Navy, stopped at the hotel for a hurried visit with his dad. George was on his way to England. . . . If you know the answers to the questions the State Board asks, you can practice in California or any other state. Our Roy Eberle has just returned from San Francisco and is informed that his license will follow shortly. Capt. Bill De Larye, stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C., is about to be sent overseas. He has been in South Carolina long enough to make him an authority on the "Quarrel between the States." Bill is a wolverine and a fluent gentleman—we will await his version. . . . Lt. Milton Braun, U.S.N., stationed in the South Pacific area, now wears the drab green speckled uniform of the service with a marauder's blade in his belt ready to rip out the unmitigated gall of any Jap who impedes his avowed purpose. . . . Elmer Ebert and B. Z. Black have just requested Alchemist Schubert to see what can be done with a cup of coffee and a bottle of pop.—*Walter R. Scanlan, Branch Correspondent (drafted.)*

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP
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"In sincerely trust I can always conduct myself so as to be worthy of the trust yo uhave placed in me, and be an aid and credit to your organization. I thank you."

Capt. Tartre was given his membership certificate in absentia as he was unable to leave his station in Washington. Commander Grunewald accepted the certificate and stated that he was certain Capt. Tartre was deeply appreciative of this high honor. He also expressed his regard for Capt. Tartre and told how the Captain had directed the growth of the Great Lakes Dental Corps from one clinic and seven dental officers to its present proportions, staffed by over two hundred officers.

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tion. Participants of the course would be expected to make certain studies and investigations and present them to the class.

If the Chicago Dental Society accepts the propositions it was proposed to hold the course somewhere in the loop. Cost of the course per dentist was not determined but it would approximate the cost of the course held two years ago. It was further suggested that a few physicians be invited to attend and participate in the classes.

It was decided that the Public and Professional Relations Committee recommend to the Board of Directors that the committee be empowered to arrange a course in dental social economics, sponsored by the Chicago Dental Society.—*Fred W. Ahlers.*

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